

Bookies On Slow Side For Stamps

WASHINGTON, AP — Most of the nation's bookies and numbers men were absent when the deadline came for them to brand themselves as professional gamblers by plunking down \$50 for a new federal tax stamp.

The tax law went into effect Nov. 1 but the last back gentry was given an additional 30 days to get under the wire. There was no stamp sale.

A nationwide Associated Press survey just before the closing date showed 171 applications had been filed, with 531 stamps actually issued.

The total may be raised somewhat during the day by incoming mail, since internal revenue officials in many cities said they would accept applications postmarked no later than midnight Nov. 30.

The tax stamp was only part of a one-bus punch forced at professional gamblers by the \$2,500,000, 000 revenue measure passed by Congress this fall. The act also requires them to turn over to the treasury 10 percent of all the bets they handle.

The \$50 tax stamp is not a license for gamblers. It's just an occupational tax and requires them to disclose their place of business, their employees or employer.

The lack of interest for the stamp indicated either that bookmakers and their ilk have shut up shop or decided to pull down the shade a little further on their operations. If they continue to carry on without a federal stamp, they risk being hauled in by revenue agents. If they display the required stamp, they make it easier for local police to nab them for violating state laws against gambling.

Eugene Man To Head Scout Group

SPRINGFIELD, AP — D. F. D. Furrer, Eugene, was re-elected president of the Oregon trail area council of the Boy Scouts of America at the council's annual meeting and planning conference yesterday.

The council, which directs scouting activities in six southwestern Oregon counties, met in Springfield high school. Some 300 scout and club executives attended.

O. D. Sharpe, regional scout executive from Portland, gave the banquet address.

"As long as we stay close by the things we have in scouting and the scout law, and bring these things to boys, we will live to see a stronger generation," he told the delegates.

The game of handball originated in Ireland some thousand years ago.

Young Wife Returns Home

POCAHONTAS, Ia., AP — A young Iowa wife, her husband and their six children returned to their South Dakota home today after her sudden disappearance with the hired man brought out fears of foul play.

The husband, Sam Simpson, 31, reported his wife, 29, and the children ranging in age from one to ten years, missing along with the hired man, Jim Lockney, 31, last Thursday.

They were located in Simpson's automobile south of Pocahontas Saturday.

Authorities said Mrs. Simpson explained she was going to her parents' home at Bradgate, which is 12 miles northeast of Pocahontas. They said she left a note for her husband which said:

"I am having Jim drive me to Iowa. I am filing suit for divorce. Don't blame Jim."

Lockney was returned to Faulkton, S.D., where he is charged with taking Simpson's car, a rifle and a box of shells.

Sheriff F. R. Shelly said Lockney also is wanted by Cheyenne, Wyo., authorities on a charge of wife desertion.

Mail Car Ride Not Much For Fun

ROANOKE, Va., AP — Two 11-year-old Washington, D.C., youths arrived here over the weekend by "mail"—but not first class.

In fact, they were very tired and very hungry.

John Sunday and Wilbur Yoho were playing near Washington's Union Station on Friday and decided to investigate a U.S. mail car on a siding. They suddenly found themselves locked in.

The next thing they knew, they and several thousand pounds of mail were rolling along the tracks.

The train arrived Saturday, but the car wasn't unlocked until yesterday because of a heavy volume of mail already in Roanoke.

When the car was opened, out stepped young Sunday and Yoho. Now they're back home in Washington—and not in a mood to play in trains.

Boat Tragedy Claims Six

SAN DIEGO, Calif., AP — Waves and currents tossed a Sunday pleasure boat over like a cork in its home port entrance here and took the lives of six off 11 persons known aboard.

Lifeguards said they understood a twelfth unidentified man was missing, but survivors listed only 11 on the boat.

The 40-foot "Dot," a converted former navy landing craft, was hit by heavy ground swell late yesterday as it swayed in the surge of an outgoing tide in the narrow Mission Bay entrance.

City lifeguards, watching from a lookout tower, were at the scene in a few minutes. They pulled nine from the water—four dead and five alive.

The dead included Mrs. Dorothy Cutright, 34, only woman in the party and the only one wearing a life preserver when the boat capsized.

Her husband, Ancel W. Cutright,

44, San Diego carpenter and owner of the boat he had named for her, was rescued along with his spitz-bulldog, Buster.

City firemen yesterday morning were called to the home of Mrs. H. Dean, 1220 Brown, to subdue a flooded oil stove. The firemen reported no damage.

WELFARE UP

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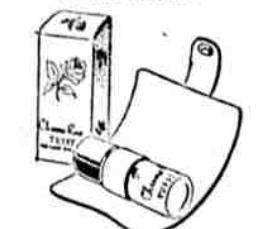
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